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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment Under Rule 37 C.F.R. 1.116 in response to the Final Office Action dated April 28, 2006 in the above-identified patent application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees listed in 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-1265.

No additional fee is required.

Yours very truly,

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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to a Final Official Office Action dated April 28, 2006. This Action carried a shortened-statutory period for response of three months so that a reply is due on July 28, 2006. This paper is being submitted within two months of the Final Rejection.

The Examiner is requested to enter and consider the Amendments and remarks being submitted at this time.

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